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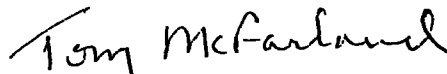
Re: STB Docket No. AB-497 (Sub-No. 5X), *Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. --
Abandonment Exemption -- in Roseau County, MN*

Dear Troy:

You received a copy of Mary Ann Heidemann's letter to me of June 28 advising of the Minnesota SHPO's completion of the Section 106 process as to the above rail line.

In accordance with completion of that process, you are respectfully requested to recommend to the Board removal of the historic condition to issuance of an exemption for abandonment.

Very truly yours,



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Northern Railroad, Inc.*

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